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Small Game Hunting Regulations

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important small game hunting laws and how they affect you;
it is not a complete set of hunting laws.



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How to use this pamphlet:

1. Determine which license you need in order to hunt legally (**pages 4-5**).
 2. Know the general regulations that apply to most species (**pages 13-19**).
 3. Know the regulations that apply to the species you will be hunting (**pages 20-27**).
- Other information in this pamphlet is important for you to know, such as information regarding hunting on public land and license exemptions.

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Definitions:

The following definitions may help in your understanding of the regulations in this pamphlet.

Species (Species definitions for the purpose of this pamphlet)

Furbearing Animal means raccoon, fox, coyote, and bobcat.

Game Bird means ruffed grouse, sharp-tailed grouse, pheasant, gray (Hungarian) partridge, bobwhite quail, and crow.

Migratory Game Bird means mourning dove, woodcock, snipe, sora and Virginia rail.

Protected Species means the following mammals, reptiles, and birds that may not be hunted, trapped, or possessed without first obtaining appropriate DNR authorization: All endangered and threatened species. Mammals—Badger, Canada lynx, cougar, elk, flying squirrel, marten, moose, timber wolf, white deer (all white except for hooves, tarsal glands, head and parts of the head), wolverine, woodchucks (see landowner exemption, page 9). Reptiles—black rat snake, bull snake, timber rattlesnake and yellow-bellied (blue) racer. Birds—all wild birds (including song birds and blackbirds) not specifically mentioned in the hunting, trapping and migratory bird regulation pamphlets are protected.

Small Game Mammal means squirrel, rabbit, and hare.

Unprotected Species means mammals and birds that can be hunted year-round without bag limits or hunting hours restrictions and includes starling, pigeon, English (house) sparrow, chukar partridge, coturnix quail, opossum, skunk, weasel, and all other wild mammals not specifically mentioned in the hunting, trapping, and migratory game bird regulations pamphlets or not listed as an endangered, threatened or protected species (see Protected Species listed above).

Waterfowl means ducks, geese and brant.

Other terms

Daily bag or bag limit means the total number of a particular game species that a person may harvest in one day, no matter how long or often they hunted that day. No one can exceed or attempt to exceed his or her daily bag limit or assist another hunter to fill his or her bag limit.

Harvest Information Program (HIP): To hunt migratory game birds in Wisconsin, each year, hunters first have to be HIP registered at a license outlet. No individual may hunt any species of migratory game bird including mourning doves and woodcock, until HIP registered with the department and all hunters must have in their possession proof of HIP registration while hunting Migratory Game Birds.

Hunt or hunting includes shooting, shooting at, pursuing, taking, catching, or killing any wild animal.

Possession limit means the total number of a particular game species that a person may possess at any given time.

Power Lines

Discharging firearms at or towards power and utility lines is highly dangerous and could result in injury or death to the individual or bystanders. In addition, those who damage lines can be held responsible for providing restitution for damage to power and utility lines. Please be responsible while in the field and do not shoot at or towards power and utility lines and poles.

Small Game License, Stamp and Privilege Information

Note: Due to the proposed hunting license fee increase, license and stamp fees are subject to change.

License	Resident	Non-Resident	Privileges Included
Conservation Patron	\$140	\$600	Small Game, Spring and Fall Turkey Licenses and Stamp, Pheasant Stamp, Deer Firearm, Archery, Trapping (not included with Non-resident), Fishing, State Fishing and Waterfowl Stamps, Most Permit Fees, DNR Magazine Subscription, Vehicle Admission to State Parks and Related Areas (Including State Trail Pass).
Junior Conservation Patron (12-17)	\$75	\$75	
Sports	\$45	\$275	General Fishing, Small Game, (bobcat requires a special permit, see below), Deer Firearm
Junior Sports	\$35	\$35	
Archery	\$20	\$160	Small Game, deer, and Unprotected Species may be harvested with a bow.
Resident Small Game	\$16	NA	Small Game, (bobcat requires a special permit, see below), may be harvested with a firearm and bow.
Non-resident Small Game	NA	\$80	Small Game, excluding skunk, opossum, weasel, and furbearing animals.
Junior Small Game (Ages 12-17)	\$9	NA	Small Game, (bobcat requires a special permit, see below), may be harvested with a firearm and bow.
Senior Citizen Small Game (Age 65 or Over)	\$8	NA	Small Game, (bobcat requires a special permit, see below), may be harvested with a firearm and bow.
5-Day Small Game	NA	\$50	Small Game, excluding Furbearing Animals (see definition on page 3), hunted with a firearm or a bow during a specified, consecutive 5-day period.
Furbearing Animal Hunting	NA	\$160	Skunk, raccoon, fox, weasel, opossum, coyote and bobcat (with special permit, see below) with a firearm or bow.

Armed Forces Small Game & Fishing	FREE	NA	Small Game, (bobcat requires a special permit—see below) with a firearm or bow and arrow. (See page 9 for stamp exemptions and qualifications).
Waterfowl Stamp	\$7	\$7	Required (in addition to the Federal Migratory Bird Stamp) for waterfowl hunting in addition to a Small Game, Archery or Sports License for hunters 16 years old and older. (See page 7 & 8 for exemptions).
Pheasant Stamp	\$7.25	\$7.25	Required to hunt pheasant in pheasant management zone areas (see map on page 22) in addition to a Small Game, Archery or Sports License (See pages 7 & 8 for exemptions)
Sharp-tailed Grouse Application	\$3	\$3	Must be submitted to be eligible in the drawing for a permit required for hunting sharp-tailed grouse (deadline is August 1).
Bobcat Application	\$3	\$3	Must be submitted to be eligible in the drawing for a tag and permit required for hunting and trapping bobcat (deadline is August 1).
HIP (See Definition page 3)	\$0	\$0	Yearly registration required of all hunters who wish to hunt Migratory Game Birds (including woodcock and mourning doves).

Small Game means all varieties of wild mammals and birds for which there is an open season, but does not include deer, moose, elk, bear, wild turkey, or endangered, threatened, or protected species.

License Sales and Applications:

All licenses are available at DNR Service Centers (see back cover), License Sales Agents, over the phone at 877-WI-LICENSE (877-945-4236), or online at dnr.wi.gov. Resident and non-resident customers can purchase their hunting licenses and submit their special permit applications online via the Internet 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Licenses purchased online that do not have a back tag, carcass tag, or harvest report card must be printed at home (other licenses will be delivered by mail within 7 days). When submitting special permit applications purchased online, customers will receive an immediate printable confirmation that their data was received. Visit the DNR website or call 608-266-2621 for more information.

Applications for Special Permit Programs:

The following special permits are required in addition to hunting (or trapping) licenses and/or stamps to pursue these species.

Program:	Application Deadline:
Hunter's Choice (Deer)	August 1
Horicon & Collins Zones	
Goose Seasons	August 1
Fall Turkey	August 1
Sharp-tailed Grouse	August 1
Bobcat	August 1
Otter	August 1
Fisher	August 1
Spring Turkey	December 10
Bear	January 13, 2006

To obtain a permit, a hunter must submit a valid application, which means that he or she must purchase and accurately complete an application and submit it before the application deadline. A permit drawing will be administered using valid applications. **Preference Points:** If an applicant is drawn for a permit he or she will NOT receive a preference point. If a valid application is submitted and the applicant is not successful in the drawing, a preference point is recorded. Applicants with preference points who submit valid applications will have a better chance of being drawn for a permit than if they had no preference point(s). Unsuccessful applicants will not be notified. **Visit the DNR website dnr.wi.gov to check for drawing success or preference point status after drawings.**

Licensing and Stamp Requirements:

- Hunters must carry a valid hunting license and necessary stamp privilege on their person while engaged in hunting and exhibit it to a Warden upon request.
- Hunters must meet hunter education requirements in order to obtain a license (see page 7).
- It is illegal to allow someone else to use or carry your license or tag, or for you to use or carry another person's license or tag when engaged in hunting.
- No person less than 12 years old may obtain a license which authorizes hunting.
- To receive a duplicate license, you must turn in all remaining parts of the lost license to a license agent. (Duplicate licenses are available from any license sales agent).
- First time purchasers of a Wisconsin hunting license must provide their social security number.

Effective Dates:

- All hunting licenses are effective immediately after purchase and with the opening of the specific seasons except for the following:
 1. Archery licenses purchased after the open season for deer begins are not valid until 3 days after the purchase, excluding the day of purchase (Example: A license purchased on a Monday is valid on Thursday), except for **resident** members of the U.S. Armed Forces in active service who exhibit proof that they are on furlough or leave are exempt from the waiting period.
 2. Non-resident 5-day Small Game Licenses, which are valid beginning on the

date specified on the license and for 5 consecutive days thereafter.

- All 2005 hunting licenses expire on March 31, 2006, with the exception of the Non-resident 5-day Small Game License, which expires on the date stated on the license.

Resident Licenses:

Residency requirements to purchase a resident hunting license:

- A person must have maintained a permanent residence in this state for 30 consecutive days immediately before purchasing a license. Domiciliary intent is required. Evidence of domiciliary intent includes, but is not limited to, where the person votes, pays personal income taxes, or obtains a driver's license. Mere presence in the state for a 30-day period or ownership of property is not sufficient to establish residency.

Non-resident students attending school in Wisconsin:

- Full-time undergraduate students in residence at a public or private Wisconsin college or university offering a bachelor's degree or foreign citizens residing in the state and attending a Wisconsin high school or a university agricultural short course, may purchase Deer Gun, Archery, Small Game, Fishing and Sports Licenses at resident prices.

Armed Forces Members:

Armed Forces members are entitled to the following:

- Exemption from hunter education requirements (see below).
- A U.S. Armed Forces member who exhibits proof that he or she is a **Wisconsin resident**:
 1. in **active service** with the Armed Forces, and
 2. is **on furlough or leave**, may receive a free Armed Forces Small Game and Fishing License (available at any ALIS agent). Note: The state Waterfowl, Pheasant, and Trout Stamps are not required with this free combination license.
- **Any U.S. Armed Forces member** who exhibits proof of **active service** and that he or she is:
 1. **stationed in the state** or
 2. is a **resident on furlough or leave**, are exempt from the three day waiting period for resident Archery and resident Conservation Patron License purchased after the season opens.
- **Any non-resident active duty U.S. Armed Forces member stationed in Wisconsin** may purchase resident Gun Deer, Archery, Small Game, Fishing and Sports Licenses.

Hunter Education Requirements:

Persons born on or after January 1, 1973, must present their Hunter Education certificate, last year's hunting license, or proof of successful completion of basic training in the U.S. Armed Forces, Reserves or National Guard to purchase any hunting license. A certificate of successful completion of a Bow Hunter Education course can be used to purchase an archery license. Contact your local DNR office for course information or visit our web site at dnr.wi.gov.

First time Hunter Education graduates:

Residents*, 12 years and older, graduating from a *Wisconsin Hunter Education course for the first time* are entitled to the following:

- Certificates issued after January 1, 2005, serve as your Small Game License and are valid for hunting small game until March 31, 2006. You must carry your Hunter Education Certificate with you while hunting if it is acting as your Small Game hunting authorization.
- Exemption from the requirement to purchase the Pheasant and state Waterfowl Stamps while the certificate is valid for small game hunting.

Note: The above does not exempt a person from the requirement to purchase goose permits, a Federal Waterfowl Stamp (16 & over) or from becoming HIP registered (page 3).

*Non-residents graduating from a Wisconsin hunter education course do not qualify for the above license privileges or stamp exemptions.

Adult Supervision Required:

A parent or guardian must accompany hunters 12 and 13 years of age. ***Accompanied*** means within sight and voice contact without the aid of any mechanical or electronic amplifying device other than a hearing aid.

Persons under the age of 12 may not possess a firearm, except as part of a hunter education course.

Disabled Hunters:

Qualified disabled persons may obtain permits to hunt from a stationary vehicle and/or use a crossbow. In addition, Class A and C Disabled Permit holders are authorized to harvest a deer of either sex with their regular Gun Deer Carcass Tag during any open gun deer season. Contact a DNR Service Center for details. Allow 30-60 days for processing. **Important:** Disabled permits issued prior to 1989 expired in 1994. If you possess an old permit, which has no expiration date, contact your local DNR Service Center.

Senior Citizen Recreation Card Holders:

The Senior Citizen Recreation Card, which is no longer offered, is a former privilege that has not been available since 1991. It continues to convey lifetime privileges to the holder as outlined below as long as the holder possesses the card and remains a resident.

The Senior Citizen Recreation Card includes:

Small Game hunting privileges, fishing privileges, state park sticker and state trail access, spring and fall turkey hunting privileges, Turkey Stamp privileges, state Waterfowl Stamp privileges, Pheasant Stamp privileges, Great Lakes Trout and Salmon stamp and Inland Trout stamp privileges.

The Senior Citizen Recreation Card does not include:

Federal Migratory Bird Stamp, Early Goose Permit, Exterior Goose Permit, Regular (Horicon or Collins) Goose application, Fall or Spring Turkey application, Sharp-tailed grouse application, or Sturgeon Spearing license.

Private Lands and Landowner Information

License Requirements:

A landowner is required to have a license to hunt deer, bear, Game Birds, Migratory Game Birds, bobcat and Unprotected Species or to trap otter, muskrat, mink or fishers. The owner or occupant of any land and immediate family members 12 years old and over living with them, may, ***without a license*** and subject to all other restrictions except seasons, hunt or trap on their own property for beaver, fox, coyote, raccoon, woodchuck, rabbit, and squirrel year-round; however, hunting with a firearm is not allowed during the 24-hour period immediately preceding the regular gun deer season.

Liability:

Under sec. 895.52 of the Wisconsin Statutes, landowners are generally immune from liability for injuries received by individuals recreating on their lands. This law provides liability protection for landowners from injury or death of individuals occurring when participating in outdoor recreation activities on their land such as fishing, hunting, trapping, hiking, camping, boating and berry picking. This immunity does not apply when the landowner receives more than \$2,000 a year income from the recreation activity or when the landowner acted maliciously with an intent to harm the recreator. There also is an exception for social guests invited specifically for an occasion on residential or platted property or property within 300 feet of a commercial building or structure. Courts have consistently interpreted this statute to protect landowners in furtherance of its purpose, to encourage landowners to allow others to recreate on their lands.

Trespassing:

Landowners suspecting that individuals are trespassing on their property should **contact their local Sheriff or other local law enforcement**. Conservation Wardens do not have the authority to investigate trespassing complaints. Any person convicted of trespassing is subject to a penalty of up to \$1,359. According to s. 943.13, of the Wisconsin Statutes, it is illegal to:

- Enter land of another without the express or implied consent of the owner or occupant of the land.
- Enter or remain on land after having been notified by the owner or occupant not to enter or remain. A person has received notice from the owner or occupant if he or she has been notified personally, either orally or in writing, or if the land is posted.

Remember: Although hunters are required to make a reasonable effort to retrieve game they have killed or injured, hunters ***may not*** trespass to retrieve such game, even if the game was shot from outside the posted area.

Managed Forest Lands:

Landowners enrolled in either the Forest Crop Law or the Managed Forest Law programs are not required to remove elevated tree stands daily from land they own. No damage may be done to the tree. This exception can also be granted to other individuals using the landowner's property with the landowners prior permission. In addition, owners of land enrolled in these programs and individuals authorized by the landowner can operate vehicles and park on these lands.

Tribal lands

Special rules apply on tribal lands in portions or all of Ashland, Bayfield, Forest, Iron, Menominee, Oneida, Sawyer, and Vilas counties. For more information, contact the tribal chairpersons.

State-Owned Lands (including State Forests)

It is illegal to:

- hunt or possess any firearm or bow in any wildlife refuge or possess any firearm, air gun, slingshot or bow in any state park, state fish hatchery, or within 100 yards of any state campground, picnic area or within the exterior boundaries of a state recreational trail (except as posted open to deer, turkey or Small Game hunting) unless it is unloaded and enclosed within a carrying case, or in the case of a bow/crossbow, unstrung or enclosed within a carrying case.
- pursue, drive or chase animals on lands under the ownership or control of the DNR that are closed to hunting.
- build or use a ground blind or any elevated device on lands owned or under the control of the DNR unless it does not damage the tree and it is completely removed from the property each day at the close of hunting hours. This also includes lands enrolled in the Managed Forest Law (MFL) and Forest Crop Law (FCL) programs, however this does not apply to the owners of land enrolled in the program or those who have the landowner's authorization. **Note:** Blinds used for waterfowl hunting are exempt from daily removal requirements. See *Migratory Game Bird Regulations* for duck/goose blinds.

Note: Ground blinds may be constructed entirely of dead vegetation found on the property. **Note:** All National Forest lands, National Wildlife Refuges and Waterfowl Production Areas are protected by similar rules. For lands under county ownership, check local ordinances.

- damage trees on state-owned lands including MFL and FCL lands.
Note: Cutting shooting lanes and use of screw-in tree-stands or steps are considered damaging and are illegal on state or MFL lands and FCL lands.
- possess any loaded or uncased firearm or air gun while within the exterior boundary of state-owned lands posted with department signs in Dane, Dodge, Fond du Lac, Jefferson, Juneau, Kenosha, La Crosse, Milwaukee, Outagamie, Ozaukee, Racine, Sauk, Sheboygan, Walworth, Washington, Waukesha and Winnebago counties or on state forest lands in the Kettle Moraine or Point Beach state forests, or state recreation areas, except as follows:
 1. while engaged in hunting in accordance with the open seasons listed on pages 20-26.
 2. while shooting at an established target range (this is the only target shooting permitted on these state lands).
 3. while training or trialing dogs under department license within designated areas.
- camp on any state lands except in designated campgrounds unless a special camp registration permit is obtained from the DNR prior to setting up camp.
- allow dogs to run on DNR lands from April 15 through July 31 unless the dog is on a leash no longer than 8 feet. This rule does not apply to class 1 field trial grounds, DNR lands open to dog training or to train dogs to track bear after June 30.
- operate motor vehicles, including ATVs and snowmobiles on lands owned or operated by the DNR except for areas posted open to such use.
- operate any vehicle, including, but not limited to, snowmobiles, bicycles, trail bikes, and all terrain vehicles on lands owned or under the control of the DNR, except where their use is authorized by posted notice or permit or in the case of Managed Forest Law and Forest Crop Law lands, authorization of the landowner. This prohibition does not apply to public roadways and trails held open to the public for the type of vehicle being operated.

State Park Hunting

In fall of 2005 limited Small Game hunting will once again be offered in Governor Dodge, Mill Bluff, Mirror Lake and Newport State Parks. Special regulations for hunting in these parks include:

- All approved hunting areas will be designated (contact the park offices for a map of the areas open to Small Game hunting).
- All hunts will be limited to shotgun, muzzle-loading shotgun, and bow (***no rifles***).
- The discharging of firearms will not be allowed outside of the designated hunting area.
- All state parks conducting hunting will be clearly posted to notify the general public where and when hunting is allowed.
- All hunters must register at the State Park entrance station prior to hunting (contact the State Park for details on gaining access to the park).

Small Game hunting in State Parks will follow established regulations for Small Game listed in this pamphlet **except** as follows:

- These parks will be open to all Small Game species ***except*** those specifically exempted in a given park (contact the State Park for a list of huntable Small Game species).
- The use of dogs for Small Game hunting will be permitted only in areas designated for Small Game hunting.
- Small Game hunting will be permitted only between November 1 and December 15 (except where the season ends earlier for a particular species —see pages 20-26). Bag limits applicable to the land surrounding the park would apply to the park as well.
- Waterfowl hunting in Mirror Lake State Park will be permitted for the full, regular migratory waterfowl hunting season (*see 2005 Migratory Bird Regulations*).
- Small Game hunting will be permitted only from one half-hour before sunrise until 12 noon each day.
- Small Game hunting will be by special access permit only (contact the State Park for information on obtaining this free access permit).

Special Hunts

Badger Army Ammunition Plant:

For hunting information send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Commander's Representative, Badger Army Ammunition Plant, ATTN: SMCBA-NR, Baraboo, WI 53913-5000.

Fort McCoy Military Reservation:

Applications for hunting permits may be obtained by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Directorate of Training, Mobilization and Security, AFRC-FM-TMR-B (Permit Sales), 110 E. Headquarters Rd., Fort McCoy WI 54656-5226. Applications may also be obtained from the Web site at www.mccoy.army.mil. Applications are available at the end of February. Information: 608-388-3337.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Lands

Portions of National Wildlife Refuges (NWR) and Waterfowl Production Areas (WPA) are open to hunting and trapping in accordance with state and federal regulations. Federal regulations will vary. ***In order to avoid violating federal regulations contact the office of the NWR or WPA you will be hunting at to get regulations specific to that property*** (see numbers below). Additional information may be obtained from the Web at midwest.fws.gov

Horicon NWR- Mayville, WI 920-387-2658

Fox River NWR- (Marquette County) contact the Horicon office 920-387-2658

Necedah NWR- Necedah, WI 608-565-2551

Trempealeau NWR- Trempealeau, WI 608-539-2311

Whittlesey Creek NWR- Ashland, WI 715-685-2678

Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge- Winona, MN 507-452-4232

Leopold Wetland Management District (WMD)- Portage, WI 608-742-7100
Contact this office for information regarding WPAs in the southeast.

St. Croix WMD- New Richmond, WI 715-246-7784
Contact this office for information regarding WPAs in the northwest.

National Wildlife Refuge and Waterfowl Production Area Regulations

The following is a partial list of general NWR and WPA regulations. Be sure to check with the property you will be hunting on for complete regulations. Additional federal regulations may be listed elsewhere in this pamphlet.

It is illegal to:

- Possess any firearm, bow, or other weapons unless engaged in legal hunting.
Note: Concealed weapons, including those approved by permit, are illegal anytime.
- Possess toxic (lead) shot. **Note:** Only non-toxic shot may be possessed for hunting game birds and animals on WPAs, Horicon NWR, and Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuges (UMRNWFR), except lead shot may be used for wild turkey hunting on WPAs and UMRNWFR. This rule does not apply to hunting Small Game Mammals or deer with rifles and shotguns with a single projectile.
- Build or use a ground blind or any elevated device, unless it does not damage the tree (i.e. no use of screws, nails, etc.) **and** it is completely removed from the property each day at the close of hunting hours.
- Construct permanent blinds out of manmade materials, except in pool 12 on the UMRNWFR. **Note:** Portable blinds constructed of manmade materials are allowed, but must be removed from the property each day at the close of hunting hours.
- Possess alcoholic beverages while hunting.
- Camp, horseback ride, have overnight use or campfires on WPAs.
- Shine at any time.

General Small Game Hunting Regulations

The following regulations apply to hunting all Game Species listed in this pamphlet. In addition to these regulations, be sure to check pages 20-27 for season dates, bag limits, and special regulations for the species you are hunting.

General Firearm and Bow Restrictions

It is illegal to:

- hunt with a fully automatic firearm.
- hunt with any means other than a gun discharged from the shoulder, a legal handgun, or a bow and arrow.
- possess any firearm from 12: 00 a.m. - 11:59 p.m. on November 18, 2005 unless the firearm is unloaded and enclosed within a carrying case (see definition below). **Exceptions:** target shooting at established target ranges and on private lands by landowners and immediate family members who live with them, waterfowl hunting during open season, and hunting on licensed bird hunting preserves or registered deer farms. *Established target range* means an existing location where target shooting with firearms is the major purpose or use.
- shoot a firearm within 100 yards of a building devoted to human occupancy while on lands you do not own without the permission of the owner or occupant of that building.

Note: Be sure to check with local authorities before using firearms in urbanized or populated areas.

Note: Enclosed within a carrying case for firearms means that a firearm must be completely contained in a case expressly made for that purpose. The case must fully enclose the firearm by being zipped, buckled, tied, or otherwise fastened, with no portion of the firearm exposed. Homemade cases are legal if they conform to this definition.

Rifles

It is legal to hunt Small Game Mammals (page 20), Furbearing Animals (page 25), and Unprotected Species (page 27) with a rifle except that ***it is illegal to:***

- possess a rifle with a barrel length of less than 16 inches.
- possess a rifle with an overall length of less than 26 inches.
- possess a rifle larger than .22 caliber rimfire or centerfire during the gun deer season in shotgun deer season areas unless it is unloaded and enclosed within a carrying case.
- hunt any Game Bird or Migratory Game Bird with a rifle.

Shotguns

Shotgun means a smoothbore barreled firearm designed to shoot pellets. It is legal to hunt Small Game Mammals (page 20), Game Birds (page 21), Migratory Game Birds (page 24), Furbearing Animals (page 25), and Unprotected Species (page 27) with a shotgun except that ***it is illegal to:***

- possess a shotgun with a barrel length of less than 18 inches.
- possess a shotgun with an overall length of less than 26 inches.
- hunt any Migratory Game Bird, including mourning dove, woodcock, rail and snipe, with any shotgun capable of holding more than 3 shells.

Ammunition, Shotshells and Shot Size Restrictions

It is illegal to:

- possess or control shotshells loaded with single slug or ball while hunting except during open gun deer seasons.
 - possess while hunting, shot, or shotshells loaded with shot, larger than No. BB from June 1 - Dec. 9 (or June 1 - Dec. 13 in southern Zone T/EAB or in Metro DMUs, or June 1 - Jan. 5 in CWD Zones).
 - hunt any Game Bird with a shotgun or muzzle-loader loaded with shot larger than No. BB* or with single slug or ball, or with a bore larger than a no. 10 gauge.
- *Note:** Nontoxic shot size BBB and T may be used for hunting waterfowl.

Non-toxic shot currently approved for use:

Approved shot type	Percent composition by weight
steel	iron and carbon
bismuth-tin	97 bismuth, 3 tin
tungsten-bronze	51.1 tungsten, 44.4 copper, 3.9 tin, 0.6 iron
tungsten-iron (2 types)	40 tungsten, 60 iron and 22 tungsten, 78 iron
tungsten-matrix	95.9 tungsten, 4.1 polymer
tungsten-nickel-iron	50 tungsten, 35 nickel, 15 iron
tungsten-polymer	95.5 tungsten, 4.5 Nylon 6 or 11
tungsten-tin-bismuth	49–71 tungsten, 29–51 tin; 0.5–6.5 bismuth
tungsten-tin-iron-nickel	65 tungsten, 21.8 tin, 10.4 iron, 2.8 nickel

Muzzle-loaders & Muzzle-loading Handguns

Muzzle-loader means any caliber of muzzle-loading firearm. It is legal to hunt Small Game Mammals (page 20), Game Birds (see ammunition restrictions above) (page 21), Migratory Game Birds (see ammunition restrictions above) (page 24), Furbearing Animals (page 25), and Unprotected Species (page 27) with a muzzle-loader, **except:**

- Muzzle-loading handguns shall have a minimum barrel length of 4 inches measured from the muzzle to the breech face.
- Muzzle-loaders are considered unloaded if the cap is removed from a percussion muzzle-loader or the flashpan is cleaned of powder on a flintlock muzzle-loader; the ball or shot and powder can remain in the barrel.
- Muzzle-loading *handguns* are not legal for hunting Game Birds (page 21) or Migratory Game Birds (page 24).

Handguns

Handgun means a weapon designed and intended to be fired while held in one hand and to use the energy of an explosive to expel a projectile through a smooth or rifled bore. It is legal to hunt Small Game Mammals (page 20), Furbearing Animals (page 25), and Unprotected Species (page 27) with a handgun except that **it is illegal to:**

- hunt with or possess a handgun if under the age of 18 years.
Note: Target shooting with handguns by persons under the age of 18 years is allowed only when supervised by an adult.
- hunt with a handgun or pellet gun less than .17 caliber.
Note: Persons possessing a Class A, B or C Disabled Permit may use handguns chambered for .410 or larger shot shells for hunting all species except deer, bear, turkey, and Migratory Game Birds.
- hunt with a handgun with a barrel length shorter than 4 inches measured from the muzzle to the firing pin with the action closed or to the breech face.

- possess a concealed handgun.
- transport a handgun in a vehicle unless it is unloaded and completely enclosed within a carrying case. **Note:** A holster is not a legal carrying case unless it completely encloses the handgun, so that no part of the handgun is visible.

Bows, Arrows, and Crossbows

Crossbow means any device using a bow which, once drawn, is held solely by means other than the effort of the person firing it.

It is illegal to:

- possess, while hunting, any crossbow (except as described below) or poisoned, drugged, or explosive tipped arrow.

Crossbows are not legal to use except by the following:

1. Resident and Non-resident disabled hunters issued a Class A, Class B Crossbow, Class C or Crossbow Permit.
2. Resident hunters 65 years of age or older with an appropriate hunting license.

Note: When authorized, crossbows shall have a minimum draw of 100 pounds, a workable safety, and use at least 14-inch long bolts or arrows equipped with broadheads.

Arms Transportation

It is illegal to:

- possess, place or transport in or on any vehicle, whether moving or stationary, any firearm, bow or crossbow unless the firearm is unloaded and completely enclosed within a carrying case (see page 13 for definition) with no portion of the firearm visible and the bow or crossbow is unstrung or enclosed within a carrying case.
- possess, place or transport in or on any motor driven boat while the motor is running, any firearm, bow or crossbow unless the firearm is unloaded (see below) and bow or crossbow is unstrung or enclosed within the carrying case.

Exception: Possession of a strung, uncased bow in a boat while using any motor is legal for bowfishing only. A fishing license is required for bowfishing.

Unloaded means any of the following:

1. Having no shell or cartridge in the chamber of a firearm or in the magazine, clip, or cylinder attached to a firearm.
2. Having the cap removed from a percussion muzzleloading firearm.
3. Having the flashpan cleaned of powder from a flint lock muzzleloading firearm.

Remember the basic rules of firearms safety:

- Treat every firearm as if it is loaded.
- Always point the muzzle in a safe direction.
- Be certain of your target and what's beyond it.
- Keep your finger out of the trigger guard until you're ready to shoot.

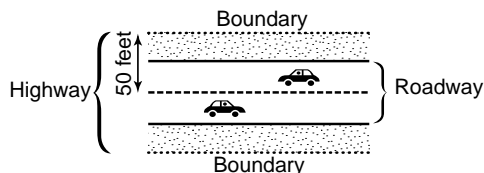
If every hunter followed these four basic rules we could eliminate hunting injuries and fatalities. For your sake and that of your fellow hunters, make safety your first priority on every hunting trip.

Hunting Near Roadways

Highway means the entire width between the boundary lines of every public road, but does not include private roads and driveways.

Roadway means the portion of the highway that is improved or ordinarily used for vehicle travel, excluding the berm or shoulder.

Public road means those roads shown on the current, official county highway map available from the Department of Transportation.



It is illegal to:

1. Hunt within 50 feet from the roadway's center, or
2. Discharge a firearm, shoot an arrow from a bow, or a bolt from a crossbow:
 - a. From or across a highway, or
 - b. Within 50 feet of the roadway's center.

Note: The above prohibitions apply to all public roads (defined above). However, anyone hunting small game with a muzzle-loader or shotgun loaded with shot size BB or smaller is exempt from these prohibitions if the roadway is unpaved (dirt, sand or gravel). **Exceptions:** Certain exceptions are allowed for Class A and B disabled permit holders. Call the nearest DNR Service Center (back cover) for an explanation of these exceptions and request publication number WM-352. (*What You Should Know About Permits for People with Disabilities*, also available at dnr.wi.gov.)

Shining

It is illegal to:

- use or possess with intent to use, a light (including vehicle headlights) for shining any wild animal while hunting or in possession of a firearm, bow or crossbow (includes laser sights on firearms, bows and crossbows).

Note: Visually handicapped hunters with a Class C Disabled Permit may use a laser sight for hunting.
- use or possess with intent to use, whether or not in possession of a firearm or bow, a light for shining wild animals (including vehicle headlights) between the hours of 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. from September 15 through December 31.

Note: Some areas may prohibit shining by local ordinance. Check with local Sheriff's department or township officials for local shining restrictions.

Exceptions: A flashlight may be used: 1) while shooting raccoon, fox, or Unprotected Species at the point of kill while hunting on foot, or 2) to find your way.

Night Hunting: Coyote, fox, raccoon, or Unprotected Species may be hunted *without* hunting hour restrictions according to the regulations on pages 25 & 27.

Dogs

- Dogs are considered private property and are protected by law. Only conservation wardens may kill dogs chasing deer. Owners may be held responsible for damage caused by their dogs while hunting or for dogs running at large.
- **It is illegal to:** allow a dog to run at large, however, a dog that is actively engaged in a legal hunting activity, including training, is not considered to be running at large if the dog is monitored or supervised by a person **and** the dog is on land that is open to public hunting or on land on which the person has obtained permission to hunt with or to train a dog.

Use of dogs for hunting

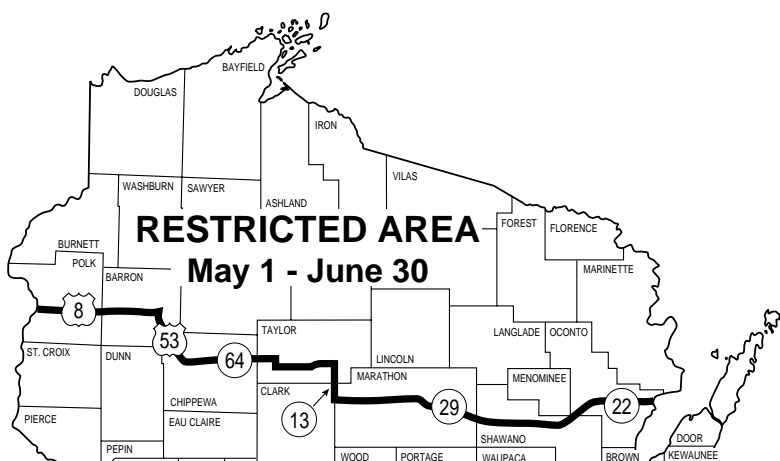
Legal to use for hunting Small Game Mammals, Game Birds, Furbearing Animals, Migratory Game Birds, and Unprotected Species. Dogs must be leashed at all times on WPAs unless engaged in legal hunting activity. It is illegal to allow a dog to kill any wild animal at any time.

Dog Training

For a more detailed listing of rules, regulations and licenses related to dog training and trialing, refer to the *Wisconsin Dog Training and Trialing Regulations* (WM-444), available at DNR Service Centers and on the DNR website dnr.wi.gov.

It is illegal to:

- allow dogs to run on DNR lands from April 15 through July 31 unless the dog is on a leash no longer than 8 feet. This rule does not apply to class 1 field trial grounds or DNR lands open to dog training or trials, or to train dogs to track bear after June 30.
- while hunting or training dogs, allow the dog to kill any wild animal.
- hunt or pursue any free-roaming wild animal with the aid of any dog from May 1 to June 30 in that portion of the state north of the highways shown on the following map, except as authorized for raccoon and rabbit dog trials or training under the authority of a hound dog trial or training license.



Use of devices

It is illegal to:

- hunt any animal with the aid of an airplane.
- use any device other than legal firearms, bows, or crossbows to kill or catch wild animals, except traps and falconry birds may be used under the appropriate license or permit and seasons.
- use *Draw-Loc type mechanisms* that can hold a compound bow at full draw unless authorized to use a crossbow.
- use any electronic or electronically amplified calls while hunting Migratory Game Birds (page 24), or wild turkeys.

Note: It is legal to use any type of call or amplified sound for attracting foxes, raccoon, crows, coyotes, and Unprotected Species during the open season.

- use or possess laser sights while hunting unless you are visually handicapped and possess a Class C Disabled Permit.

Trap theft

Stealing or molesting lawfully set or placed traps or snares is a criminal act and is punishable by fine (\$300-\$1000), imprisonment (up to 90 days), or both, and a mandatory 5-year revocation of license privileges.

Transport and sale of game

It is illegal to: sell, purchase, or barter, or offer to sell, purchase or barter any Small Game Mammal, Migratory Game Bird, or Game Bird or part thereof **except:**

1. the tail and skin of any squirrel, when severed from the rest of the carcass.
2. rabbit, raccoon, and other furbearing animal carcasses or parts can be sold during the open season for those species. (The DNR may retain bobcat, fisher and otter carcasses for research)

Serving game to guests

It is illegal for Innkeepers, managers or stewards of any restaurant, club, hotel, boarding house, tavern, logging or mining camp to sell, barter, serve or give, or cause to be sold, bartered, served or given to its guests or boarders any of the following:

1. The meat of any squirrel, Game Bird, deer, bear, elk, or game fish at any time.
2. The meat of any wild animal not listed under 1., during the closed season for the wild animal, whether the meat of the wild animal is lawfully or unlawfully taken in or out of state.

Note: The Department of Natural Resources may issue a permit authorizing the serving of lawfully taken and possessed wild animals at any time. Contact your local DNR Service Center for more information on Wild Game Serving Permits.

Taking and possession of game

It is illegal to:

- take any wild animal which has been lawfully obtained by someone else without having that person's consent.
- hunt beaver, fisher, mink, muskrat or otter with the aid of a spear, gun or dog, except landowners can take beaver with a firearm.
- not immediately kill, in a humane manner, all game taken and make it part of the daily bag.

- molest any squirrel nest or den, raccoon den or tree, mink den, or muskrat house.
- unreasonably destroy, molest or waste game. You must make every reasonable effort to retrieve all game killed or crippled. Until such effort is made, such game shall be included in the daily bag. This rule does not allow you to trespass without the permission of the landowner or shoot game beyond established shooting hours.
- possess any game unless you hold a valid hunting or trapping license or state permit carried on your person, unless you are hunting as a landowner, as explained on page 9.

Hunting accidents

Any person involved in an accident in which a person is injured by gunfire, bow and arrow, or crossbow while hunting or trapping should first render necessary assistance and then immediately report the incident to the local sheriff or police. Every person involved in a hunting accident must render a report to the DNR within 10 days.

Blaze orange clothing requirements:

During any gun or muzzle-loader deer season, including the one day Youth Deer Hunt (Oct. 29), Zone T hunts (Oct. 27-30 and Dec. 8-11) and CWD hunts (*see 2005 Wisconsin Deer Hunting Regulations*), no person may hunt any game, except waterfowl, unless at least 50% of the person's outer clothing above the waist is colored blaze orange. A hat, if worn, must be at least 50% blaze orange. **Note:** Faded or stained blaze orange clothing is unsafe and may not meet legal requirements. Camo-blaze is legal if 50% of the material is blaze orange, but is not as visible as solid blaze clothing. 100% solid blaze orange is recommended.

Baiting

It is illegal to: use bait to hunt Small Game Mammals, Migratory Birds, Game Birds, and Furbearing Animals. However, seeds dispersed from naturally occurring vegetation or grain or feed scattered solely by normal agricultural operations, which include normal harvesting, normal post-harvest manipulations, or other normal agricultural practices is not considered baiting.

According to Federal regulations, manipulation, is defined as the alteration of natural vegetation or agricultural crops by activities that include but are not limited to mowing, shredding, discing, rolling, chopping, trampling, flattening, burning, or herbicide treatments and is legal for hunting Migratory Game Birds (p. 24). However the term manipulation does not include the distributing or scattering of grain, seed, or other feed after the removal from or storage on the field where grown and is illegal.

Small Game Season Limits & Special Regulations

Small Game Mammal Hunting Seasons & Regulations

In addition to the general Small Game hunting regulations listed on pages 13-19, the following are regulations specific to Small Game Mammals.

Species	Daily Bag	Area	2005-2006	
			Opens	Closes
Squirrels-Gray and Fox	5	Statewide	Sept. 17	Jan. 31
Cottontail Rabbit	3	North Zone (see Map)	Sept. 17	Feb. 28
	3	South Zone (see Map)	Oct. 15 (Noon)	Feb. 28
Jack Rabbit	3	Statewide	Oct. 15 (Noon)	Nov. 15
Snowshoe Hare	Unlimited	Statewide	Year-round open season	

Possession Limits: twice the daily bag limit.

Possession and Sale: The tails and skins of lawfully taken squirrels may be bought and sold, but not the carcass. Carcasses and skins of rabbits and hares can be sold, but only during their open season dates specified on this page.

Licenses/Stamps/Permits:

Small Game hunting approval/authorization is required. (See pages 4-9 for details, exceptions and free license for qualified individuals and landowners.)

Cottontail Rabbit Hunting Zones



Game Bird Hunting Seasons and Regulations

In addition to the general Small Game hunting regulations listed on pages 13-19, the following are regulations specific to Game Birds.

Species	Daily Bag	Area	2005-2006	
			Opens	Closes
Pheasants	See below*	Statewide	Oct. 15 (Noon)	Dec. 31
Bobwhite Quail	5	Statewide	Oct. 15 (Noon)	Dec. 7
Ruffed Grouse	5	Zone A	Sept. 17	Dec. 31
	5	Zone B	Sept. 17	Jan. 31
	2	Zone C	Oct. 15	Dec. 8
Gray (Hungarian) Partridge	3	Statewide**	Oct. 15 (Noon)	Dec. 31
Sharp-tailed Grouse	Determined by permits	Apply by permit for specific areas	Oct. 15	Nov. 6
Crows	15	Statewide	Sept. 17	Nov. 17
			Jan. 18, 2005	Mar. 20

* Pheasant: Oct. 15-16, 1 cock daily, Remainder of season 2 cocks daily

** Gray (Hungarian) Partridge Season CLOSED in Clark, Marathon and Taylor Counties

Note: Turkey Regulations are published in separate pamphlets.

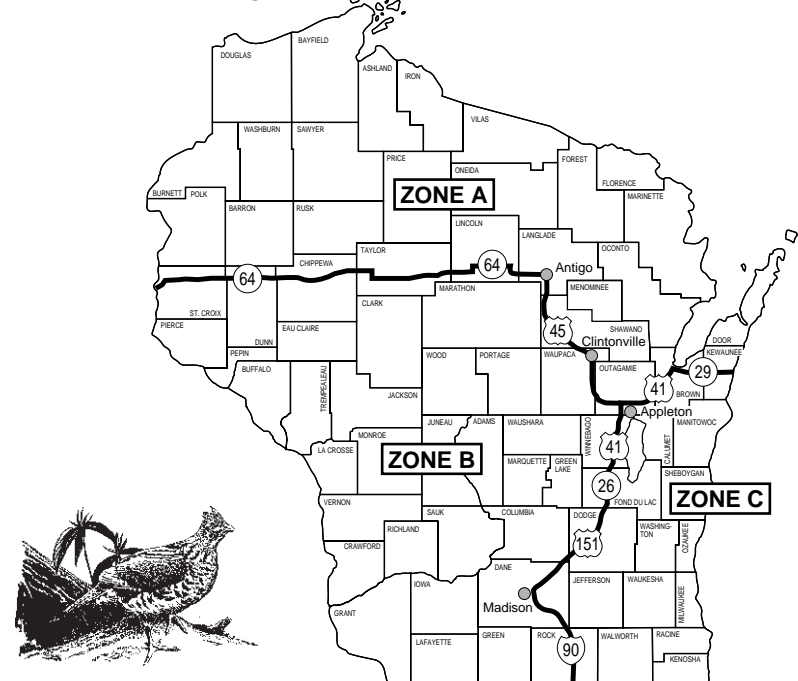
Possession Limits: twice the daily bag limit for that species.

Possession and Sale: It is illegal to sell, purchase or trade any Game Bird or the parts of any wild Game Bird.

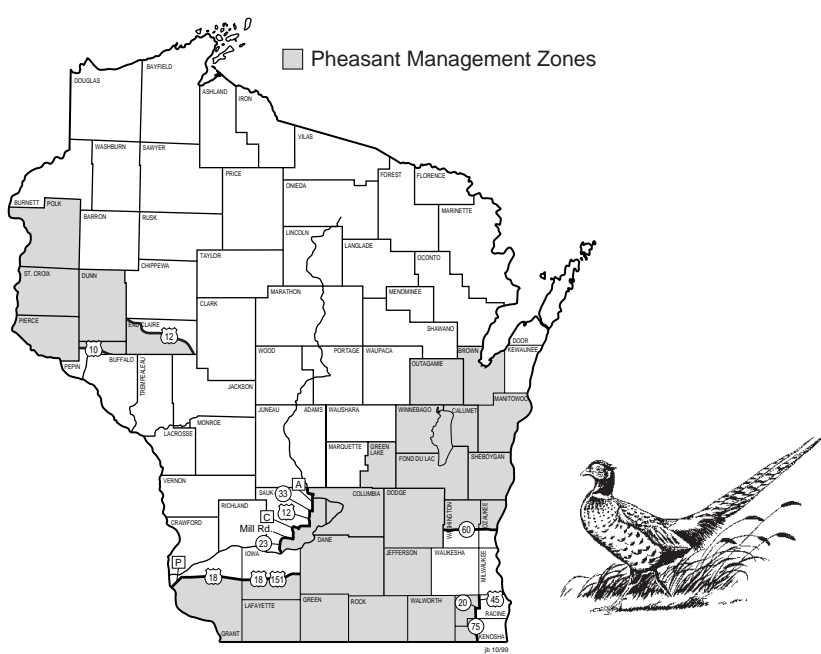
Licenses/Stamps/Permits:

- Small Game hunting approval/authorization is required. See pages 4-9 for details, exceptions and free license for qualified individuals and landowners.
- Pheasant – A pheasant stamp is required in Pheasant Management Zones only. (See map on page 22).
- Ruffed grouse, quail, partridge and crow - No special stamps or permits are required.
- Sharp-tailed grouse - Must apply for a permit for specified areas. No stamp required. *Application Deadline is August 1st.*
- HIP Certification is *not* required for hunting the above listed Game Birds.

Ruffed Grouse Hunting Zones



Pheasant Management Zones



Special Pheasant Hunting Regulations:

2:00 P.M. Pheasant Hunting Closure Areas

The boundaries of the following wildlife properties are posted with signs stating the 2:00 P.M. daily pheasant hunting closure time from Oct. 17 (third day of the season)–Nov. 3. For maps and more information refer to the *2005 Special Pheasant Hunting Regulations*.

- Allenton Wildlife Area (W.A.) (Washington County)
- Brooklyn W. A. (Dane and Green)
- C.D. “Buzz” Besadny Fish and W. A. (Kewaunee)
- Dunnville W.A. (Dunn)
- Eldorado Marsh W.A. (Fond Du Lac)
- Goose Lake W.A. (Dane)
- Grand River W.A. (Green Lake and Marquette)
- Holland W.A. (Brown)
- Horicon W.A. (Dodge)
- Jackson W.A. (Washington)
- Killsnake W.A. (Calumet and Manitowoc)
- Mazomanie Unit of the Lower Wisconsin State Riverway (Dane)
- Mud Lake W.A. (Dodge)
- New Munster W.A. (Kenosha)
- Nichols Creek W.A. (Sheboygan)
- Scuppernong (Waukesha)
- Theresa W.A. (Dodge and Washington)
- Tichigan W.A. (Racine)
- Vernon W.A. (Waukesha)
- White River W.A. (Green Lake and Marquette)

Hen-Rooster Hunting Areas & Regulations

(Applicable on Hen-Rooster areas only!)

The boundaries of the following areas are posted with signs stating that hunters must obtain a permit and tags before hunting pheasants. For maps and more information refer to the *2005 Special Pheasant Hunting Regulations*.

- Avoca Unit of the Lower Wisc. State Riverway (Iowa County)
- Boscobel Unit of the Lower Wisc. State Riverway (Grant)
- C.D. “Buzz” Besadny Fish and Wildlife Area (Kewaunee)
- Kettle Moraine State Forest Southern Unit (Waukesha)
- Kickapoo Valley Reserve (Vernon)
- Pine River Public Hunting Grounds (Richland)
- Scuppernong (Waukesha)
- Tom Lawin W.A. (Chippewa)
- Vernon W.A. (Waukesha)

1. You must obtain a pheasant hunting permit and tags BEFORE hunting pheasants on these listed properties. There is no charge (pending legislation for a fee) and they can be obtained from any DNR service center or by writing DNR, Box 7924, Madison, WI 53707.
2. The permit sticker (labeled “L”) at the bottom of the tag package must be separated from the tags and attached to your hunting license before you hunt.
3. Ten carcass tags are issued with your permit and this establishes your season bag limit on hen-rooster hunting areas.
4. The permit and carcass tags are not transferable or replaceable, even if accidentally lost.
5. Immediately upon killing a pheasant, a tag must be attached to the featherless part of the pheasant’s leg, between the foot and the knee joint.
6. Both sexes must be tagged.
7. The daily bag limit on hen-rooster hunting areas is 1 pheasant daily on Oct. 15 and 16 and 2 pheasants daily from Oct. 17 to Dec. 31. The possession limit is twice the daily bag limit.

Migratory Game Bird Hunting Seasons & Regulations

Does not include Waterfowl!*

In addition to the general Small Game hunting regulations listed on pages 13-19, the following are regulations specific to Migratory Game Birds.

Species	Daily Bag	Area	2005-2006	
			Opens	Closes
Mourning Dove	15	Statewide	Sept. 1	Oct. 30
Woodcock	3	Statewide	Sept. 24	Nov. 7
Snipe	8	Statewide	Concurrent with duck season**	
Sora and Virginia Rails	25	Statewide	Concurrent with duck season**	

* Waterfowl regulations are printed in a separate publication.

** Duck seasons are determined in August. Contact a DNR Service Center for dates.

Possession Limits: Twice the daily bag limit for that species.

Possession and Sale: *It is illegal to* sell, purchase or trade any Migratory Game Bird or the parts of any wild game bird.

Transportation: May be field dressed, but the head or one fully feathered wing must remain attached while in the field and while being transported (1) from the field to the persons permanent residence and (2) between a hunting cabin, camp, motel or other temporary residence to the permanent residence.

Licenses/Stamps/Permits: Small Game hunting approval/authorization is required (State or Federal waterfowl stamps are not required). See pages 4-9 for details, exceptions and free license for qualified individuals.

HIP Certification: Must be enrolled in the Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program (HIP) (see page 3 for definition).

Weapons:

- **Rifles** are **not** allowed for hunting any of the above listed Migratory Game Birds.
- **Shotguns** capable of holding more than 3 shells or with bores larger than no. 10 gauge are **not** legal to use for hunting Migratory Game Birds.

Blaze Orange Clothing: Required at certain times for hunting Migratory Game Birds, *other than waterfowl*, when a deer firearm or muzzle-loader season is occurring. 50% of outer clothing above the waist must be blaze orange, including a hat if one is worn. Includes the one-day youth deer hunt on October 29, the October and December Zone T deer hunts Oct. 27-30, Dec. 8-11, regular gun deer season Nov. 19-27, muzzleloader season Nov. 28-Dec. 7, and special CWD hunts (*see 2005 Wisconsin Deer Hunting Regulations*).

Hunting Hours: End at sunset each day. Must subtract 20 minutes from P.M. hours each day in the tables listed on pages 28 and 30 or refer to the ***Migratory Bird Regulations***.

Look For Dove Bands! - The Wisconsin DNR has begun a dove banding program in 2005 as part of dove population monitoring and dove harvest management. Please look for a small silver band on one leg of harvested doves and follow reporting instructions on the band.

Furbearing Animal Hunting Seasons & Regulations

In addition to the general Small Game hunting regulations listed on pages 13-19, the following are regulations specific to Furbearing Animals.

Species	Daily Bag	Area	2005-2006	
			Opens	Closes
Raccoons - Residents	Unlimited	Statewide	Oct. 15 (12:00 am)	Jan. 31
Raccoons - Nonresidents	Unlimited	Statewide	Oct. 29	Jan. 31
Fox - Red and Gray	Unlimited	North of Hwy. 64	Oct. 15	Feb. 15
	Unlimited	South of Hwy. 64	Oct. 29	Feb. 15
Coyote	Unlimited	Statewide	see map on page 26	
Bobcat *	1 by Permit	North of Hwy. 64	Oct. 15	Dec. 31

* Application Deadline for bobcat is **August 1**.

Possession Limits: Unlimited for above listed species except bobcat, which may be hunted by permit only.

Possession and Sale: Carcasses and pelts can only be sold during the open season. Bobcat carcasses may be retained by the DNR for research purposes. Green skins (a skin that has not been removed from the carcass of a dead animal and a skin which has been removed but has not been fleshed, stretched and dried or tanned) of raccoon, fox, coyote and bobcat may not be possessed beginning on the 5th day after season closes.

Licenses/Stamps/Permits: Residents are required to have a Small Game hunting approval/authorization and non-residents are required to have a Furbearer License. See pages 4-9 for details, exceptions for qualified individuals and landowners.

Night Hunting: Coyote, fox, or raccoon may be hunted *without* hunting hour restrictions *except*:

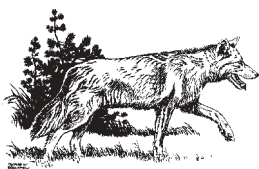
1. During the bear and bow deer seasons when hunting hours listed in the tables on pages 28-31 apply to bow hunting all species.

2. During the regular gun deer season outside of CWD zones from November 19 - 27, when normal hunting hours listed on pages 28-31 apply to hunting all species. This restriction does not apply during the muzzle-loader, Zone T, or CWD seasons.

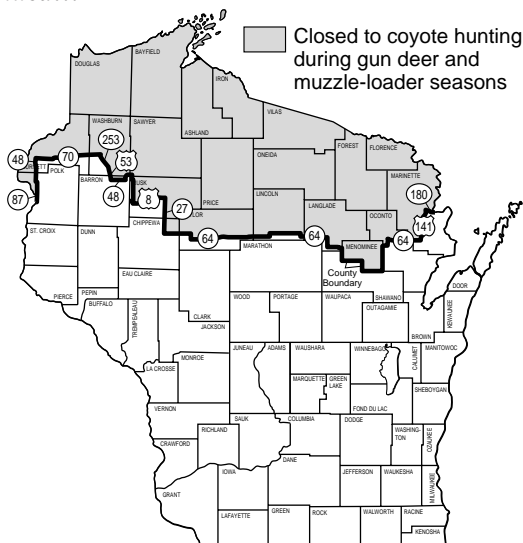
Use of Lights: A light may be used at the point of kill while hunting raccoon and fox. Lights may not be used to shine or search for these animals.

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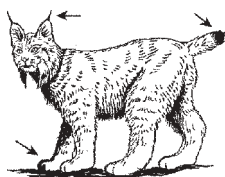
Coyote Season is open all year statewide, *except* in northern Wisconsin where it closes for the 19 day period of the regular gun deer and muzzle-loader deer seasons and any Oct. 27-30 or Dec. 8-11 Zone T deer hunts (open in areas without Zone T during Oct. 29 Youth Deer Hunt).



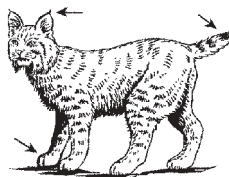
Bobcat:

- A Bobcat Harvest Permit and carcass tag is required to be in your possession while hunting bobcat.
- Immediately upon killing a bobcat, the carcass tag must be attached and sealed by passing the wire portion of the tag through the animal's mouth to eye opening, just beneath the skin. The tag must also be validated by slitting the month and date of kill and securing/folding it to over the wire by its adhesive.
- The bobcat pelt must be separated from the carcass and both parts presented to the DNR for registration no later than five days after the month of harvest.
- No person may transfer, give, trade, sell or purchase any bobcat pelt unless it bears a DNR carcass tag and registration tag.
- The bobcat carcass may be retained by the DNR for research purposes.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service lists the Canada lynx, a rare visitor to Wisconsin, as a threatened species. Please help us protect this unique animal through your careful observation. View the illustrations below and if you observe a Canada lynx contact your local DNR office immediately.



Lynx



Bobcat

Lynx are distinguished from bobcat primarily by the tip of their tail, which is completely black. Only the upper half of the tail tip is black on the bobcat. Lynx also have larger ear tufts, are lighter in coloration, have large densely furred feet, and less distinct tracks than bobcat.

Unprotected Species Regulations

In addition to the general Small Game hunting regulations listed on pages 13-19, the following are regulations specific to Unprotected Species.

Unprotected Species are described on page 3 of this pamphlet. **Note:** Grackles, red-winged blackbirds and cowbirds are not considered Unprotected Species and may not be hunted for recreation purposes. They may be killed on private lands without a federal permit **ONLY IF** they are causing damage or are about to cause damage to trees, crops, livestock, or wildlife; or they are concentrated in large numbers that may constitute a health hazard or other nuisance. Crows may also be killed without a federal permit and outside the normal crow season in these situations.

Season Dates: These species can be hunted year round.

Possession Limit: There is no daily bag limit, so no possession limit applies to these species

Possession and Sale: No possession limit applies to these animals. It is legal to sell the carcass, or skins, or feathers of legally harvested Unprotected Species.

Licenses/Stamps/Permits: Small Game hunting approval/authorization is required. See pages 4-9 for details, exceptions and free license for qualified individuals and landowners. Persons hunting or trapping Unprotected Species must possess a hunting or trapping license (including landowners) and comply with all method of taking requirements and restrictions unless otherwise authorized by the DNR for qualified individuals.

Night Hunting: Unprotected Species may be hunted *without* hunting hour restrictions *except*:

1. During the bear and bow deer seasons when hunting hours listed in the tables on pages 28-31 apply to bow hunting all species.
2. During the regular gun deer season outside of CWD zones from November 19 - 27, when normal hunting hours listed on pages 28-31 apply to hunting all species. This restriction does not apply during the muzzle-loader or Zone T seasons in or in the CWD deer seasons.

Use of Lights: A light may be used at the point of kill while hunting Unprotected Species. Lights may not be used to shine or search for these animals.

European wild hogs or Russian wild boars are not common nor are they native to Wisconsin, therefore those that are free-roaming would be considered unprotected wild animals. They are harmful to the environment, outcompete native species for food, and may pose a health risk to domestic hogs. Therefore, the department encourages hunters to shoot feral hogs and assist in eliminating them from Wisconsin.

However, just because an unconfined hog is in the wild, does not automatically mean that it is a wild hog. It may just be a domestic hog/pig, which simply escaped. Such an animal would not be legal to kill without the owner's consent and the shooter could be subject to damages to the owner for shooting a domestic hog/pig. It is the hunter's responsibility to know what they are shooting. It is recommended that you check with your local warden or wildlife biologist prior to hunting feral hogs in a specific area.

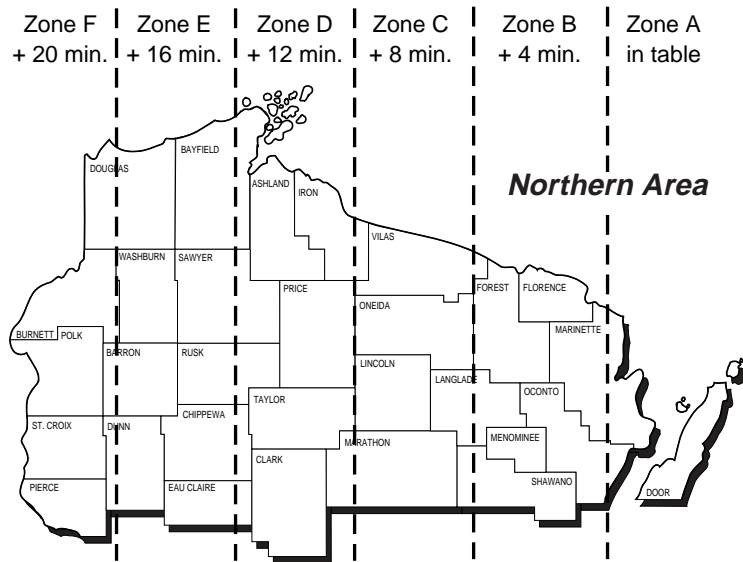
Northern Area Hunting Hours 2005 – 2006: Zone A

Hours shown are 30 minutes before sunrise and 20 minutes after sunset.

Date	Sept. 2005		Oct. 2005		Nov. 2005		Dec. 2005		Jan. 2006		Feb. 2006		Mar. 2006		April 2006		May 2006		Date
	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	
1	5:41	7:48	6:19	6:50	6:00	4:57	6:41	4:28	7:01	4:37	6:42	5:16	5:59	5:57	5:00	6:38	5:08	8:17	1
2	5:43	7:46	6:20	6:48	6:02	4:55	6:42	4:27	7:01	4:38	6:40	5:18	5:57	5:58	5:58	7:40	5:06	8:19	2
3	5:44	7:44	6:21	6:46	6:03	4:54	6:43	4:27	7:01	4:39	6:39	5:19	5:55	6:00	5:57	7:41	5:05	8:20	3
4	5:45	7:42	6:22	6:44	6:05	4:52	6:44	4:27	7:01	4:40	6:38	5:21	5:53	6:01	5:55	7:42	5:03	8:21	4
5	5:46	7:40	6:24	6:42	6:06	4:51	6:45	4:26	7:01	4:41	6:37	5:22	5:52	6:02	5:53	7:44	5:02	8:22	5
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** 6:24 4:36

- Times listed are one-half hour before sunrise to 20 minutes after sunset.
- ** Firearm hunting is prohibited on Nov. 18. Hours for permitted hunting are 6:24 – 4:36 (i.e. waterfowl hunting, licensed bird hunting preserves).
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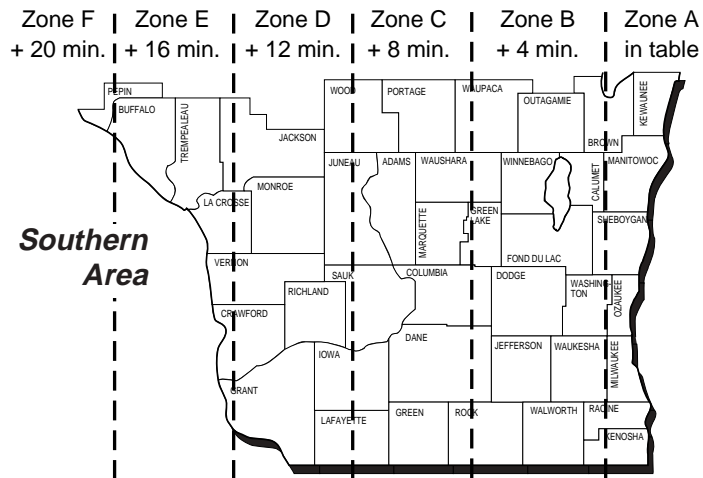
Southern Area Hunting Hours 2005 – 2006: Zone A

Hours shown are 30 minutes before sunrise and 20 minutes after sunset.

	Sept. 2005		Oct. 2005		Nov. 2005		Dec. 2005		Jan. 2006		Feb. 2006		Mar. 2006		April 2006		May 2006		
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